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Column 44, line 9, after "(mm) measured between" please delete "the".

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including a first electrode provided on said second surface of said first piezoelectric element, and a second electrode provided on said second surface of said second piezoelectric element, and a second electrode provided on said second surface of said second piezoelectric element, and said oscillation plate and said first and second piezoelectric elements being integrally oscillatable within a range of effective oscillation frequencies; and

at least one terminal pin extending through said cover assembly and terminating at <u>an</u> the exterior of said cover assembly, said terminal pin electrically connected with said first and second electrodes;

whereby said oscillation plate and said first and second piezoelectric elements are integrally oscillatable in two different modes consisting of: a first oscillation mode where said oscillation plate is irregularly deformed to have said peripheral portion oscillated with a single vector in said oscillation direction of said oscillation plate when said oscillation plate is oscillated with respect to said fixed case member at a resonance frequency fo; and a second oscillation mode where said oscillation plate is irregularly deformed to have two different half parts of said peripheral portion oscillated with their respective different vectors opposite to each other in said oscillation direction of said oscillation plate when said oscillation plate is oscillated with respect to said fixed case member at a noise frequency  $f_01$ , and said resonance frequency  $f_0$  and said noise frequency  $f_01$  are out of said range of effective oscillation frequencies.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): An acceleration sensor for detecting an acceleration as set forth in claim 15, in which said supporting portion of said fixed case member has a cylindrical section and a forward tapered section

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integrally formed with said cylindrical section and in the form of a truncated cone shape, said forward tapered section having a top surface securely held in contact with said second surface of said oscillation plate and having an outer end edge in axially alignment with an the outer peripheral end of said peripheral portion of said oscillation plate, said outer end edge having a diameter  $\phi$   $C_1$  (mm), and said oscillation plate having an effective oscillation radius  $R_1$  (mm) measured between the inner and outer ends of said peripheral portion of said oscillation plate;

whereby said oscillation plate and said first and second piezoelectric element are integrally oscillatable in said first and second oscillation modes with  $\varphi$   $C_1$  (mm) /  $R_1$  (mm) and  $f_01$  /  $f_0$  given in the following equations.

 $\phi$  C<sub>1</sub> (mm) / R<sub>1</sub> (mm)  $\geq$  0.92 and f<sub>0</sub>1 / f<sub>0</sub>  $\geq$  0.52

Claim 17 (Currently amended): An acceleration sensor for detecting an acceleration as set forth in any one of claims 15 and 16, further comprising in which said first piezoelectric element having a third electrode provided on said first surface of said first piezoelectric element, and second piezoelectric element having a fourth electrode provided on said first second surface of said second first piezoelectric element, and said fixed case member and said oscillation plate are each made of an electroconductive material and to ensure that said third electrode of first piezoelectric element and said fourth electrode of said second piezoelectric element are electrically connected with said oscillation plate and said fixed case member.